More than 108,000 Special Olympics competitions were held in 2016, averaging 298 competitions per day around the world.

Athletes improve sports skills through Special Olympics. In Argentina, Brazil, Peru, and China, 94% reported improvements as a result of their participation.

53% of Unified athletes reported feeling a lot better about themselves after participating.

90% of coaches reported improvement in athletes’ social skills and self-esteem.

46% of Unified football athletes and partners in Europe reported that their football skills improved a lot.

After YEAR World Games in Shanghai, the percent of Chinese youth willing to work together on a class project with a student with intellectual disabilities rose by 9%.